

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (cancelled)
2. (cancelled)
3. (withdrawn) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the corner post is manufactured from a single sheet of material that is wetted with adhesive, wound into a tube, formed and dried, the reinforcing tubes are inserted into the hollow interior during manufacture of the corner post while the corner post is wet, and the one or more reinforcing tubes are captured by the outer and inner walls as the corner post dries.
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14. (original) A reinforced corner post assembly comprising:

a longitudinal corner post having an outer wall and an inner wall joined at opposing ends to form a tube having a hollow interior, a longitudinal groove being integrally formed in one of the walls, the groove including opposing sides extending from the wall along opposing edges; and

a reinforcing tube disposed within the longitudinal groove, the reinforcing tube having an outer diameter greater than the distance from one edge to the opposite edge.

15. (original) The assembly of claim 14 wherein the outer wall has an exterior side facing away from the hollow interior, and the groove is integrally formed in the exterior side of the outer wall.

16. (original) A reinforced corner post assembly comprising:

a longitudinal corner post formed from a single sheet of material wound into a hollow tube having two or more layers, the

corner post having an outer wall and an inner wall joined at opposing ends and a longitudinal slot integrally formed in one of the walls between opposing layers; and

a reinforcing tube disposed within the longitudinal slot.

17. (New) A reinforced corner post assembly comprising:

a longitudinal corner post having an outer wall and an inner wall joined at opposing ends to form a hollow tube; and

one or more separate, insertable reinforcing tubes disposed longitudinally within the interior of the corner post, said tubes being collinear with the corner post and substantially the same length as the corner post;

wherein the reinforcing tubes are attached to the outer and inner walls by attachment means.

18. (New) The reinforcing corner post assembly of claim 17 wherein the attachment means is adhesive.

19. (new) The reinforcing corner post assembly of claim 17 wherein the attachment means is two sided tape.

20. (New) The reinforcing corner post assembly of claim 17 wherein the number of separate, insertable reinforcing tubes is at least two, and wherein the reinforcing tubes are affixed to one another.

21. (New) The reinforcing corner post assembly of claim 21 wherein the reinforcing tubes are affixed to one another with paper.

22. (New) The reinforcing corner post assembly of claim 21 wherein the reinforcing tubes are marked according to their physical characteristics.

23. (New) The reinforcing corner post assembly of claim 17 wherein the corner post comprises two substantially orthogonal legs and has a substantially L-shaped cross-section.

24. (New) The reinforcing corner post assembly of claim 17 wherein the corner post comprises at least one inwardly extending bead that helps hold the one or more reinforcing tubes in place.